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## **DECEMBER MILK PRODUCTION INCREASED**

New York dairy herds produced 1.07 billion pounds of milk during December. Milk cows and production per cow were up from the previous year resulting in a 4.6 percent increase in milk production compared to December 2009. The number of milk cows averaged 611,000 head, up 1,000 head from December of the previous year. Milk per cow averaged 1,750 pounds, up 75 pounds from the December 2009 rate.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$18.40 per hundredweight of milk sold during December, down \$1 from November but up \$1.30 from December a year ago.

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 15.0 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from December 2009. November revised production at 14.4 billion pounds, was up 3.1 percent from November 2009. The November revision represented an increase of 8 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,794 pounds for December, 33 pounds above December 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.39 million head, 74,000 head more than December 2009, and 15,000 head more than November 2010.

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